

Akraino Platform Security Architecture Whitepaper

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Purpose and Target Audience

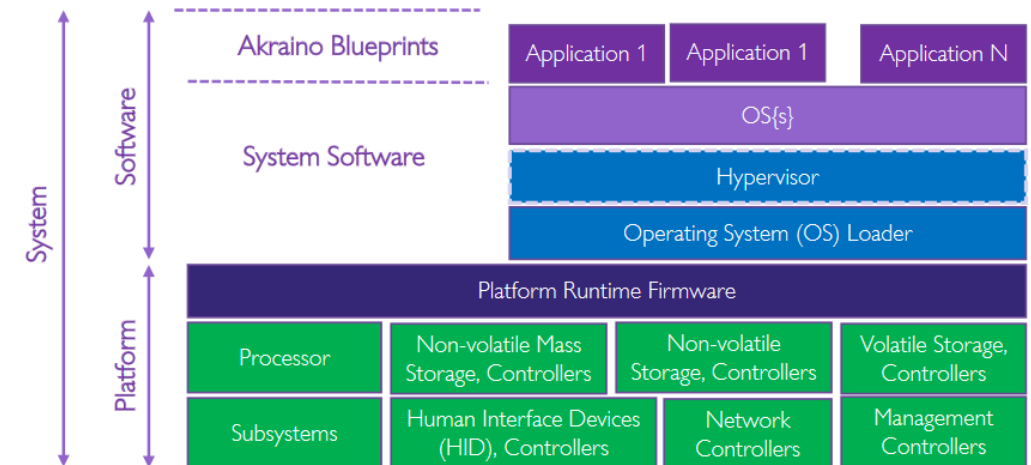
- Define core security requirements for Akraino platforms and blueprint execution environments.
- Provide a mechanism for defining platform security requirements to blueprint owners.
- Provide security guidance to blueprint integrators.
- Whitepaper targets the following audience:
 - Akraino Blueprint owners and developers
 - Akraino platform owners
 - Cloud environment providers
 - Akraino Blueprint integrators

Goals and Objectives

The goal of platform security is to secure all layers and components within a platform. This enables securing an entire platform by using unified security requirements.

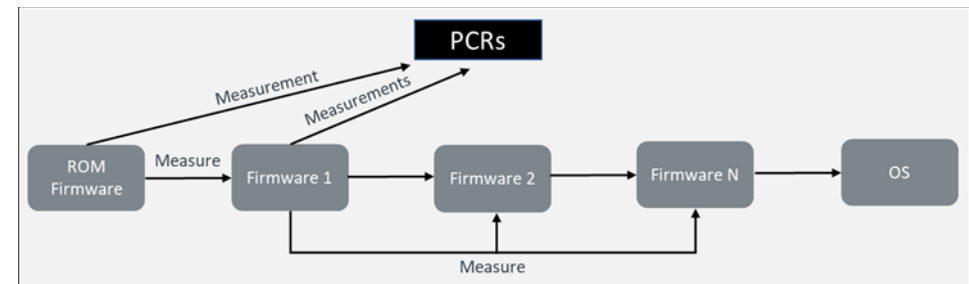
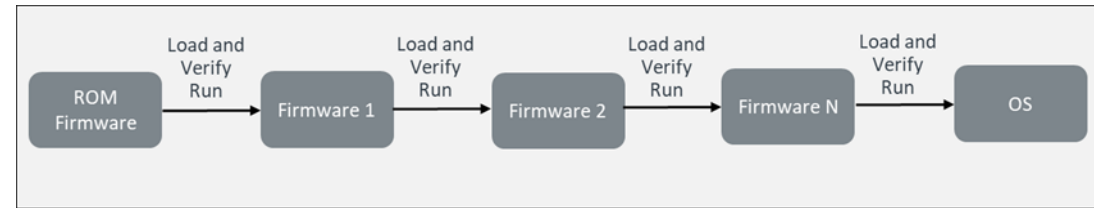
The core objectives of platform security for the Akraino project:

- Be architecture agnostic (x86, Arm)
- Maintain the integrity of the platform layer and provide a safe execution environment for Akraino Blueprint software stacks
- Define secure boot requirements
- Attestation of the platform's secure state
- Protection of key assets in the platform (platform ID, encryption keys, configuration data, etc.)
- Secure platform firmware update



Section One: Platform Security

- **Verified (Secure) Boot**
- **Measured Boot**
- **Trusted Computing Base (TCB)**
- **Platform Root of Trust (RoT)**
 - **Immutable RoT**
 - **RoT for Measurement**
 - **RoT for Verification**
 - **RoT for Update**
- **Isolation of Trusted Processes**
- **Platform Boot Flows**



Section Two: Questionnaire

- **Define use cases for the Akraino Platform Security Architecture questionnaire:**
 - **Blueprint creators**
 - **Blueprint users**
 - **Chip providers**
 - **Platform providers**
 - **Organizations**
- **Platform Security questionnaire**
- **System Software Security questionnaire**

Section Three: Platform Security Implementations

- **Akraino PSA Whitepaper provides an overview of platform-specific implementation of security requirements from Arm and Intel:**
 - **Arm Platforms**
 - Platform Boot Flow
 - Trusted Boot
 - Chain of Trust
 - Execution and Security States
 - **Intel Platforms**
 - Platform Boot Flow with Intel© Boot Guard and TPM
 - Measured Boot
 - Verified Boot
- **Trusted Platform Module (TPM)**

Akraino PSA Whitepaper Publishing and Availability

- Akraino PSA Whitepaper is complete and approved by the TSC for publishing.
- Publication status:
 - Publication in progress
 - LF Edge publications web page (<https://www.lfedge.org/resources/publications>)
 - Available in a few weeks

Questions

